

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Informational meeting with GTAC

Date/Time:

August 12, 2013, 11:30-1:30

Location:

WDNR Wausau Service Center
5301 Rib Mountain Drive
Wausau, WI 54401

Attendees:

Tim Meyers, GTAC
Courtney Bot, Barr Engineering
Lori Stengink, Barr Engineering
Doug Bruner, USACE
Bill Sande, USACE
Rebecca Graser, USACE
Ann Coakley, WDNR

Keith Patrick, WDNR
Larry Lynch, WDNR
Connie Antonuk, WDNR
Melanie Haveman, EPA
Michael Sedlacek, EPA
Cyrus Hester, Bad River Band

Agenda:

1. Project Overview – Tim (15 min)
2. USACE EIS Process (30 min)
 - Background on Requirement – Rebecca
 - How long it takes to complete an EIS – Rebecca
 - When the EIS process is begun – Doug
 - Third Party Contracting – Rebecca, Doug
3. Other Coordination Recommended in support of an EIS (40 min)
 - EPA: NEPA, 404(q) for ARNI's, and downstream states water quality - Doug
 - WDNR: 401 WQC, WEPA, and conceptual compensatory mitigation - Rebecca
 - Tribes: Ceded territory, water quality – Doug
4. Federal EIS baseline studies – Doug (20 min)
 - Varies by location, proposal
 - Examples from past experience
 - Recommend vetting sampling and modeling with appropriate agencies in advance
5. Other (10 min)

Handouts:

Preapplication Recommendations for Mining Applicants, PowerPoint (USACE, Doug Bruner)
Ferrous Mining Projects General Information, written testimony (USACE, Rebecca Graser)
Regulatory Guidance Letter 05-08: EIS Third Party Contracting (USACE)
404(q) Elevation (EPA, Melanie Haveman)
Federal Wetland Regulation Information (EPA, Melanie Haveman)
Baseline studies DRAFT packet (USACE, Doug Bruner)
National Environmental Policy Act Information, PowerPoint (EPA, Michael Sedlacek)